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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. SO FAR AS THE MISSION AND THE EC COMMISSION ARE AWARE, THE COMMUNITY HAS NO PROVISIONS COMPARABLE TO THOSE PROPOSED BY THE AFL-CIO LIMITING THE IMPORT OF AUTOMOBILES INTO THE COMMUNITY UNLESS THEY CONTAIN A GIVEN DOMESTIC CONTENT.

2. THE ONLY REMOTELY ANALOGOUS RESTRICTIONS ARE THOSE TO BE FOUND IN THE RULES OF ORIGIN GOVERNING TRADE WITH COUNTRIES HAVING FREE-TRADE AREA AGREEMENTS WITH THE COMMUNITY, E.G. THE EFTA. AS EMBASSY STOCKHOLM HAS NOTED, UNDER THESE FREE-TRADE AREA AGREEMENTS THE COMMUNITY IMPORTS AUTOMOBILES - AS WELL AS MOST OTHER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS - FREE OF DUTY. HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR AUTOMOBILES - OR OTHER PRODUCTS - TO BENEFIT FROM THIS DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION ARRANGEMENT,

A GIVEN PORTION OF THE PRODUCT MUST BE PRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY HAVING THE FREE-TRADE AREA ARRANGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY (IN OTHER WORDS THESE PROVISIONS ARE ANALOGOUS TO THOSE

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UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD PERMIT PREFERENTIAL

IMPORTS UNDER ITS GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCE SCHEME). IN THE CASE OF AUTOMOBILES, IMPORTS FROM EFTA COUNTRIES ARE PERMITTED FREE OF DUTY PROVIDED AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF THE PRODUCT IS MADE IN THE COMMUNITY OR IN ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING EFTA COUNTRIES. SOMEWHAT SIMILAR RULES OF ORIGIN GOVERN THE DUTY-FREE IMPORTS BY THE COMMUNITY OF PRODUCTS FROM LDC'S UNDER THE GSP AND FROM THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LOME CONVENTION.  
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